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REF: (A) LUSAKA 701 (NOTAL; (B) LUSAKA 708 (NOTAL);
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1. BRITISH CONGEN DUNCAN TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT A MAJOR
SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, WHEN UK HIGH COMMISSIONER BROWN
DELIVERED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN
TO FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ON MARCH 27, WAS RHODESIA.
MACHEL EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT UK WOULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE
IN RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. HE TOLD BROWN THAT FRELIMO EARNESTLY
DESIRED PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT TO
THE FULLEST THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN USE OF FORCE IF
NECESSARY. MACHEL ARGUED STRONGLY THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR
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WORLD PEACE TO AVOID RHODESIA BECOMING AREA OF MAJOR CONFLICT

AND SPARKING LARGE-SCALE DELIVERIES OF ARMS BY MAJOR POWERS.

2. DUNCAN ALSO TOLD ME THAT, SINCE HMG IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME OF RHODESIAN DEBATE AT FORTHCOMING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON, IT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID BEING SUBJECTED TO UNREASONABLE DEMANDS RE UK INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SINCE MACHEL-CALLAGHAN MEETING WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE (REF C), BRITISH HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PERSUADE FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS TO STOP IN LONDON DURING HIS CURRENT SCANDINAVIAN TOUR, PRIOR TO COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

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